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Christine Todd Whitman, Administrator U.S. Environmental Protection Agency P.O. Box 1473 Merrifield, VA 22116



Attn: HPV Chemical Challenge Program for Higher Olefins Panel

Dear Administrator Whitman:

The Higher Olefins Panel (Panel) of the American Chemistry Council originally volunteered to sponsor 25 chemicals under the HPV Challenge Program. On October 10, 2000, the Panel wrote a letter to EPA Administrator Carol Browner asking to move seven of the 25 chemicals1 previously volunteered for the US HPV Program to the ICCA Program. In addition, the Panel requested that 1-propene, tetramer (CAS# 6842-15-5) be removed from the US HPV Program. Mr. Oscar Hernandez replied with a letter dated November 2, 2000 acknowledging the Panel's request for moving the seven indicated chemicals from the US HPV Challenge Program to the ICCA Program. However, the letter did not acknowledge the Panel's request to remove 1-propene, tetramer from the US HPV Program. Therefore, the Panel asks for confirmation that EPA has removed 1-propene, tetramer (CAS# 6842-15-5) from the HPV Program and if EPA has not done so, the Panel asks EPA to proceed. Please replace the indicator status for 1-propene, tetramer in the 1990 HPV Chemical list to "5" (No longer HPV).

All other commitments of the Higher Olefins Panel remain the same. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the Panel manager, Doug Anderson at (703) 741-5616 or e-mail Doug Anderson@americanchemistry.com.

Sincerely yours,

Attachments

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<sup>1-</sup>octadecene, 1-hexadecene, Hexene, Octene, Dodecene, Nonene, and Heptene.